

## House Ways and Means Committee

### SB 1203 (Runestad) - Location of Personal Property on Tax Day

Mr. Chair and Committee Members,

I am Mike Johnston, Vice President of Government Affairs at MMA. Thank you for the opportunity to be here today to offer our support for [Senate Bill 1203 \(Runestad\)](#).

This bill addresses one of the many strange circumstances created by COVID-19. With many people working remotely and using company equipment such as laptops, monitors, printers, and chairs, the tracking of that equipment for personal property tax purposes creates an administrative nightmare for both businesses and local units of government. Personal property is taxed where it sits on “Tax Day” or December 31 of each year. This bill simply allows the assumption that company property is where it would have been or was on 12/31/19.

SB 1203 bill has no revenue implications as all property will be taxed as it otherwise would be for tax year 2021. It would affect one year only.

We have worked with Treasury and our friends at the State Tax Commission and they are supportive of the bill. My understanding is that none of the local government groups are concerned. I also understand that the Michigan Assessors Association is not opposed. I will let these organizations speak for themselves, but this is my understanding.

We would appreciate your support in order to avoid a COVID-19-related administrative nightmare.

Thank you. I am happy to respond to any questions.

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